

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know whether the onerous nature of the two kinds of Headmasters is not the same?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have already answered the question.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know whether the Headmasters of Vernacular Training Schools have not got the same amount of responsibility as the Headmasters of Vernacular schools?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): That is precisely what I have answered.

Primary Schools in Trivandrum.

318. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of departmental Primary Schools and the number, if any, of departmental Tamil Primary Schools in the town of Trivandrum?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Number of departmental Primary Schools—10.

Number of departmental Tamil Primary Schools.—Nil.

Proposals to assign away Grazing Blocks in the Neduvangad Taluk.

319. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have before them any proposals for assigning away grazing blocks in the Neduvangad taluk;

(b) if so, whether they will invite the opinion of the Director of Agriculture before they sanction the proposal; and

(c) whether they will give the Legislative Council an opportunity to express an opinion before action is taken on these proposals?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) and (c) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

Waiting Rooms and Sheds in the Civil and Criminal Courts of the State.

320. MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civil and criminal courts in the State where no waiting rooms or sheds are furnished for the convenience of parties and witnesses who go to such courts on business; and

(b) whether their attention has been drawn to the great hardships and inconveniences the public are put to on account of the want of such sheds?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) 29 Civil Courts.

A list of the Criminal Courts requiring waiting sheds has been called for from the High Court.

(b) Yes.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (Jennies): With reference to the answer to part (b) of the question, may I know whether the Government have issued orders for the construction of waiting rooms and sheds in the other criminal courts?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (Secretary to Government): The answer to the question is there. As regards the criminal courts, a list requiring such waiting sheds has been called for from the High Court and the Government have not passed final orders.

Need for a Timber Depot at Pala or Erattupetta.

821. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (Minachil cum Devicolam): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of the logs of timber stocked in the Parampuzha depot is cut down from the Minachil taluk;

(b) what percentage of the logs of timber collected from Minachil taluk itself is cut down from the regions lying to the east of Pala; and

(c) whether they are aware that the inhabitants of this taluk purchase timber in large quantities from the Government and that they are incurring great loss and experiencing inconvenience in taking it back from Parampuzha to their respective localities?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (Secretary to Government): (a) Approximately about 60 to 70 per cent of the teak logs supplied at the Parampuzha depot are collected from the Minachil taluk.

(b) About 35 to 40 per cent.

(c) The inhabitants of the Minachil taluk very rarely go to Parampuzha depot to purchase timber in auction sales.

Midday meals to poor students of the depressed classes.

822. MR. K. MADHAVAN (Nominated): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to deal with the question regarding the supply of midday meals to the poor students belonging to the depressed classes?

MR. K. GEORGE (Chief Secretary to Government): The Government have carefully considered the question and have come to the conclusion that it is not feasible on financial grounds.

Namputiries and Public Service.

823. MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (Jennies): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of applicants with requisite qualifications from the Namputiri community to the various departments of the State, and the number appointed during the past one year ending the 20th Minam 1104?

MR. K. GEORGE (Chief Secretary to Government): The Government do not propose to collect the statistics as the time and labour involved in the collection will be out of all proportion to the possible utility.